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T. JACKSON,
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Hongkong, February 28, 1885. 347

NOTICE
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1.—The business of the above Bank will
be conducted by the Hongkong and
Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their
premises in Hongkong. Business hours
on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10
to 1.

2.—The Assets of the Hongkong and
Shanghai Banking Corporation will
form a direct security for the repay-
ment of sums deposited in the above
Bank.

3.—Sum less than \$1, or more than \$250
at one time will not be received. No
depositor may deposit more than \$1,500
in any one year.

4.—Deposits may be on behalf of relations,
of trusts, &c., in addition to the deposi-
tor's own account.

5.—Persons depositing savings sums less
than \$1,000 may do so by affixing
their name to a form to be
obtained at the Bank or at the Post
Office. When the form is presented
with clean stamps the depositor will
be credited one dollar.

6.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having
\$100 or more at their credit may at
their option transfer the same to the
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Cor-
poration on fixed deposit for 12 months
at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

7.—Deposits may be forwarded from the
Ports by means of clean Hongkong
Postage Stamps of any value.

8.—Interest at the rate of 3d per cent. per
annum will be allowed to depositors on
their daily balances.

9.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis
with a Pass-Book, which must be pre-
sented with each payment of a
withdrawal. Depositors must not make
any entries themselves in their Pass-
Books, but should send them to be
written on at least twice a year, about
the beginning of January and begin-
ning of July.

10.—Covers containing Pass-Books, Re-
gistered Letters containing Stamps or
other Remittances, and generally, cor-
respondence as to the business of the
Bank will, if marked on Hongkong
Savings' Bank Business, be forwarded
free of Postage or Registration Fees
by the various British Post Offices in
Hongkong and China.

11.—Withdrawals may be made on demand,
but the personal attendance of the
depositor or his duly appointed agent,
and the production of his Pass-Book
are necessary.

12.—All documents connected with the
business of the Savings' Bank are
exempt from stamp duty.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 716

WILLIAM DOLAN,
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Hongkong, April 15, 1885.

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Hongkong, January 23, 1884.

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THE KOWLOON FERRY.
STEAM LAUNCH
MORNING STAR

Run DAILY as a FREE BOAT at the
Pudding's Wharf and Tam-Tse-Tsui at the
following hours:—This Table will take
effect from the 15th April, 1885.

WEEK DAYS. SUNDAYS.

Leave K.L. Leave K.L. Leave K.L.

6.00 A.M. 7.00 A.M. 6.00 A.M. 7.00 A.M.

8.00 " 8.30 " 7.30 " 8.00 "

8.50 " 9.00 " 9.00 " 10.15 "

9.40 " 10.15 " 11.00 " 10.15 "

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7.15 " 7.30 " 7.45 " 7.55 "

* There will be no Launch on Monday
and Friday, on account of coaling.

The above Time Table will be strictly
adhered to, except under unavoidable cir-
cumstances. In case of storms of weather
the notice will be given of any stoppage.

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Francisco, via Yokohama, with the option
of calling at Honolulu, on SATURDAY,
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and Freight for Japan, the United States,
and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
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Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
Inland Cities of the United States, via Over-
land Railways, to Havasu, Trinidad, and
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central
and South America, by the Company's and
connecting Steamers.

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have paid full fare, re-embarking at San
Francisco for China or Japan (one way or
both) within six months, will receive a discount
of 20% from Return Fare; if re-embarking
within one year, an allowance of 10% will
be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Return
Passage Orders, available for one year,
will be issued at a discount of 25% from
Return Fare.

For Rates of Premiums, terms of pro-
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ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
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CAPITAL.—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Company are
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RISKS to all parts of the World, at current
rates.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
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NOTICE.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COM-
PANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept
1 Risks on First Class Godowns at 2
per cent. not premium per annum.

NORTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 10, 1885.

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THE Undersigned having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
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current rates.

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\$5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1882.

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NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above
Company, are authorized to insure
against FIRE at Current Rates.

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Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

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Hongkong, August 20, 1884.

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NOTICE.

THE TRIAL OF
LOGAN AT CANTON, WHICH
APPEARED IN THE CHINESE MAIL
IN 1882, HAS BEEN PRINTED IN
PAMPHLET FORM, AND IS NOW ON SALE.

Price, 20 Cents.

Hongkong, October 3, 1883.

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NOTICE.

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THE CHINA MAIL

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

It is rumoured in the Colony that the S.S. *Ping-on*, with 900 Chinese soldiers on board, has been captured by a French cruiser, and that while the men were being transferred to the *Bayard*, some fifty of them jumped overboard to escape to the shore. The report further says that a number of these were shot by the French while in the water and that others who were recaptured were taken on shore and shot. We have been unable to trace the report to its source, and trust for the credit of the French arms that it has no foundation in fact. Under any circumstances, such measures of severity would be unworthy of a civilised nation; but when matters were on the eve of being mutually arranged, such reprisals would be unwise as well as cruel. We sincerely hope the report is untrue.

We are glad to learn that the local Government have taken prompt steps regarding the refusal of H.B.M. Consul at Swatow to recognise the certificate issued in Hongkong under which the *Phra Chen Elao* was authorised to carry 813 Chinese passengers from Swatow to Singapore during the North-east monsoon. One of the results of the governmental action here is that the protest handed in to Consul Phillips by Captain Stratton, holding the Consul responsible for any loss incurred by his refusal to recognise the licensee, has been withdrawn. The Consul has, we understand, expressed his willingness to recognise all such licenses from Hongkong in future. So that the only difficulty which remains in the way of this legitimate branch of commerce is the unsatisfactory and senseless want of harmony which exists between the law of Singapore and that of Hongkong. Nothing further need be said on that score, because the Singapore regulation has not a leg to stand upon; but we hope soon to be able to report that it has been wiped off the statute-book of the Straits.

KOREA, which has but lately come under the influence of civilization, is to have the Edison electric lights in the palace-grounds and buildings at the capital, Seoul. H. N. Allen, M.D., of the American Presbyterian Mission (Northern), was the first missionary to become established in Korea. His first letter from Seoul is dated Oct. 1, 1884; and he had then been there two weeks. He has procured a fine property for his work as a medical missionary, and has been appointed physician to the United States Legation, a position which will be of advantage to him in his missionary work.—*Baptist Missionary Magazine*.

Now York has a drinking-room decorated with eleven thousand champagne corks. Traced on the ceiling are all sorts of pretty ornamental designs and the names of popular actresses and singers. On the walls are more of these designs with other names interwoven in them. The ornamental work is made entirely of champagne corks, and there have glistering metal tops and others are strung with cordlike tendrils. To add to the unique appearance of the room, the wall lights, which are electric, are enclosed in real champagne bottles, sealed with plasters of Paris, which are held in bunches modelled in bronze. Tiny champagne baskets, packed with corks, stand on brackets between the bottles.—*S. F. Argonaut*.

SAYS THE *STRaits Times*.—The business of preserving and tanning pineapples and other tropical fruits promises to become one of the leading industries in the Straits Settlements. It was originally commenced, we believe, by Mr Bastian, whose great success in this branch of his business invited Mr Fays and others to follow his example. The latest addition to the list of manufacturers of these dainties is Mr Nethersole, who has improved somewhat on the tactics of his predecessors by opening a plant of pineapples on his property at Thomson Road. By this means he is rendered independent of the market gardeners, and gets a fair at a cheaper rate. We are informed that Mr Nethersole's preserves are being largely appreciated in the London market, and that he bids fair to lay the foundation of an extensive business.

The Indian Statesman, which strongly urges Britain to accede to Russia's demand with regard to Afghanistan, deprecates the military display which it is intended to make at the forthcoming meeting between Lord Dufferin and the Amir in the following way:—

We have no faith in such impressions ourselves, and believe that they will be dearly purchased by an alliance that makes the British Government answerable for every act of violence committed by the Turkoman tribes living within the Afghan frontier. The only wise arrangement in our own eyes, is the adoption of a frontier that will give Russia entire dominion over the Turkoman territory, and give Afghanistan a frontier that the Amir is powerful enough to defend, and over which he can assert his power. We distrust professedly what is being done, and believe it will precipitate the very collision which we profess to be so anxious to avoid.

The total imports in Singapore in 1884 were close upon \$80,000,000, being \$82,400,000 more than the preceding year, and this in spite of the importation of specie from the United Kingdom being less by \$1,339,000 than in 1883. Trade with Australia decreased by \$20,000,000, with British North Borneo \$54,700, and with Hongkong \$32,400.

The total exports were \$83,164,600, being \$2,000,000 less than in 1883, but those to Great Britain alone increased by \$23,700. There was an increase of about 116,000 tons over the preceding year, in the square-rigged shipping, and of about 20,000 tons in Native craft. Ninety-five vessels, of 4,827 tons aggregate burden, were built in Singapore during the year, being twenty-seven more than in 1883. And at the close of last year there were 238 sailing vessels and 55 steamers (aggregating 20,120 and 13,300 tons, respectively) registered at the Port of Singapore.

The Straits Light Dues last year were \$37,300, being \$2,300 more than in 1883, but the Master Attendant states in his Annual Report that there is an annual loss of about \$15,000 owing to the reduction of the dues in 1883.—*Singapore Free Press*.

of-war, including the *Wizern*, and he had asked for four more to be sent out. He had not as yet received the decision of the Imperial Government, but he learned from other sources that it was highly improbable that any more torpedo boats could be spared for this Colony, and that while many of the chief ports in the Colonies remain unprotected for many months to come. He confessed that he was strongly of opinion that they should therefore look to their own resources. He had ascertained that two steam launches belonging to the Civil Government and two belonging to the Military Department could be fitted with gun appliances at a cost of \$500 each, and he was assured by Commodore Morant that two of the naval launches would also be available, with the consent of Admiral Dovell, for the purpose as soon as crews could be trained. There were plenty of spar and Whithead torpedoes in store. His Excellency again quoted the assurance he had received from one of the highest military authorities in England, and concluded by saying that this great naval and military station and great mart of commerce should be placed once and for all in a condition of practically permanent security, on the principle of the old Roman maxim: *Sic pacem, para bellum!*

THE INCORPORATION OF THE VICAR APOSTOLIC OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN HONGKONG.

This bill was again under discussion, and after a rather lengthy debate, it was agreed by six to four, to allow the incorporation under the title of "Vicar Apostolic of the Roman Catholic Church in Hongkong," instead of "Hongkong." Owing to the late hour at which the meeting closed, we are compelled to hold over our report until tomorrow.

THE COLONIAL SURGEON'S REPORT FOR 1884.

The following are extracts of the principal portions of Dr Ayres' report for 1884:—

POLICE.

2.—The admissions from the Police Force to Hospital, in 1884, show a decrease of over one-half as compared with 1883. For the last four years the numbers have been as follows:—1881, 498; 1882, 540; 1883, 509; and 1884, 486, showing a considerable improvement, especially when the strength of the Force in the different years is taken into consideration. The average strength of the Force in the last four years has been:—1881, 624; 1882, 588; 1883, 608; and 1884, 606.

3.—There were seven deaths in the Force: one European, one Indian, and five Chinese; of these deaths only two occurred in Hospital; one European and one Chinese. The Indian died in India while on service. The deaths of the Force in the last year were removed to the Water Police Station on the Kowloon side, and this, so far, has been a great improvement.

4.—The Water Police Hulk was burning, destroyed one great source of sickness amongst the Force, but the new Water Police Station not being ready, the men were located at Crosby's Store, which, during their stay there, proved no improvement on the Hulk. Towards the end of the year they were removed into the new Water Police Station on the Kowloon side, and this, so far, has been a great improvement. It has yet to be seen how it works in the summer months.

5.—Stanley Station, which in 1883 sent in twenty-eight cases, this year only sent in thirteen; the number is still high as, in 1882 only, seven cases were received. This year, while the old Station is being partially rebuilt and repaired, the men have been stationed in the old military quarters there.

6.—No. 2 and No. 3 Stations sent in 18 cases this year, as compared with 39 in 1883. Most of the cases come from No. 3 Station which should be placed down and entirely rebuilt; there is plenty of room for an excellent Station there.

7.—No. 3 Station sent in 29 cases, as compared with 58 in 1883. This Station should also be entirely rebuilt, as there is plenty of room for an excellent Station and no room for its being so insubstantial.

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9.—No. 10 Station sent in 29 cases, as compared with 57 in 1883. This Station is the worst of the out-stations, and should not be rebuilt with the same care as the other stations. The Central Station, as regards the building itself, is nothing to quarrel with; but a great amount of earth cutting, &c., has been going on for years in the neighbourhood. However, I think time will work improvement in this Station.

TROOPS.

10.—There is a very slight decrease in the number admitted to the Military Hospital this year, but an increase in the number of deaths.

11.—The sickness is nearly equal to any of the previous five years, and is only exceeded twice in the previous nine years, while the number of deaths is only exceeded once in the previous nine years.

12.—The Indian Troops, like the Indian Police, seem to suffer more from sickness in proportion to their strength than the white Troops or Police. The Indian Troops have, as a rule, better quarters, higher duties, and less exposure than the Police, yet their sickness is proportionate to the strength and is not much less than that of the Indian Police.

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15.—The only case, as far as I can ascertain, of true Typhus ever seen by European Physicians in Hongkong, was many years ago in Mr. Sharp's Hospital, now the Naval Hospital, and they all came in vessels from Japan. Still it is a very clear case that these classes of diseases have very largely increased of late years among the Chinese, as is shown by the totals, and have not shown any great inclination to go back to their former small numbers, which does not speak well for the Chinese portion of the City of Victoria or the Village of Hongkong, as regards sanitation.

16.—The Sanitary Board can do little to help this state of things, as long as the Building Ordinance and other Ordinances affecting the General Health of the Population remain as at present, for they are powerless to interfere in many cases.

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20.—The New Luck Hospital is still occupied by this Establishment and will remain so until the Fever Wards, Coop's Quarters, &c., &c., are finished, which I hope will take place before the end of the year.

21.—The hours for the Superintendent is also in the course of construction. The foundations have been laid and I hope a few months more will see it completed.

22.—The New Public Mortuary is now in working order and there will be no longer any offensive long-diseased bodies brought to the neighbourhood of the Hospital.

VICTORIA GAOL.

23.—The number of prisoners admitted to Gaol this year is greater than for the past two years. The daily average number in

the Gaol, however, has been but slightly increased, as compared with last year.

36.—The number of sick admitted to this Hospital is still large and owing, as before reported, to the number of vagabonds and beggars sent in late years.

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